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## Last chance to give views on NHS Trust

THE deadline for views on the future of hospital services in south-east London is midnight this Thursday, (December 13).

It's the last chance for residents to voice their opinions on the shake-up of the South London NHS Healthcare Trust.

The trust is reportedly overspending £1million a week, and proposals to save money include closing Lewisham's A&E department, with the Queen Elizabeth in Woolwich taking more emergency patients.

The council has published a draft response to the proposals available at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/committees](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/committees) and is due to make a final decision on its response on Thursday (December 13).

The royal borough report backs residents' concerns that the closure of Lewisham A&E will increase journey times for critically ill patients and fears it will put added pressure on the QEH.

It believes that the setting up of a Bexley Health Campus at Queen Mary's

in Sidcup would lead to more services being outsourced. There are also concerns that relocating services would affect accessibility for all residents, particularly the elderly.

Fifty people attended the last public consultation, which was held last Monday at The Valley in Charlton.

The trust's special administrator Matthew Kershaw, who has been tasked with implementing the changes, claimed that 99 per cent of patients would still be no more than 30 minutes from an A&E.

The administrator said that mental health services would continue to be delivered by Oxleas NHS Trust.

Residents voiced worries that stroke patients would receive a worse service. But the administrator said most stroke patients go to King's College or Princess Royal, and this would continue as the hospitals are specialists in the field.

● Fill in the consultation form online at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/nhsconsultation](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/nhsconsultation)  
Closes midnight on Thursday, December 13.



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## ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

The following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

Dec 13 - Cabinet, 7pm

Dec 17 - Pension Fund Investment and Administration Panel, 10.30 am

More information on 020 8921 5130 or [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

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LISA BAILEY, PLUMSTEAD: 'I took while walking my dog on Winns Common.'

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We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

## Let's not bridge the gap...

I WAS disturbed at the article 'Bridge the Gap' in the Dec 4 edition of GT encouraging readers to support construction of new river crossings. During the previous consultation held in February of this year a number of concerns were raised about these proposals including the fact that new crossings would generate additional traffic and lead to an increase in pollution and carbon emissions. For this reason the suggestion by Chris Roberts that the construction will "ease the pressure on the Blackwall Tunnel and the Woolwich Ferry" is misleading. If he wants to encourage people to support these new crossings, at the very least he should explain what measures he



proposes to reduce traffic volumes. Over the years there have been a number of proposed east London river crossings and during this time there have been

substantial improvements in public transport crossings, particularly the Jubilee Line extension and the DLR extensions to Lewisham and Woolwich. Given these improvements, the case for further vehicular crossings has become weaker. In my view people should be encouraged to use these and reduce the number of journeys made by car.

Henry Dalton, Blackheath

● Any agreement to proceed with the river crossings will then require detailed discussions about the very issues Mr Dalton raises. The lack of crossings restricts opportunities for businesses which will be the engine of economic growth in the future.  
● See our follow up story Making the link on p3

## How about a film locations phone app?

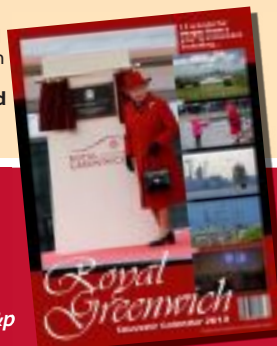
RE the 'Reasons to be cheerful' article (GT December 4, p15). Apparently many films are shot at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, and watching the new James Bond film I had fun spotting the fleeting glimpse Greenwich during the funeral scene. You failed to mention that the new

Batman film is also being filmed at the college and I think it would be a good idea to make an app which could guide users around all the different film locations.

Trevor Watkins, Plumstead

● Great idea Trevor, we'll pass on that tip to the council's film unit.

OUR Star Letter writer wins a Royal Greenwich souvenir calendar featuring 12 photos from an amazing year. The limited edition memento includes images from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the royal borough celebrations, the reopening of the Cutty Sark and the Olympics and Paralympics.  
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## Star Letter

### Bugsby and the Coaling Jetty...

IN Greenwich Time December 4, page 15, you asked "Who or what was Bugsby?" After a Google search I found that Mr Bugsby was proprietor of a coaling jetty in the nineteenth century.

David Wise, Eltham

...and Deirdre Tobin writes: I DON'T know exactly who or what Bugsby was, but I do know that the area was close to Execution Dock (close to where the Blackwall Tunnel entrance now is), and was the place that the remains of those hung (eg. pirates), would be put on display as a warning to others.

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# Making the link

## Locals pledge support for Bridge the gap campaign

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**SUPPORT is building up for the campaign to provide south-east London with two new crossings over the Thames.**

Campaigners want Transport for London (TfL) to build a new tunnel link from the Greenwich Peninsula, and a new bridge at Gallions Reach in Thamesmead.

They say the two new crossings are the only way to get rid of the daily traffic snarl-ups that mean delays for commuters and business delivery drivers.

The campaign is being spearheaded by the Royal Borough of Greenwich together with Newham Council, north of the river. Both authorities say the current situation has held back south-east London's chances to grow and prosper.

Transport for London is running a consultation exercise on possible new river crossings in this part of the capital. It's widely recognised that new river crossings are needed to ease congestion and stimulate growth both north and south of the river, and allow the capital to expand eastwards.

Support for the new crossings has come from businesses in the area. Steve Nelson, principal director of the South East London Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Chamber is completely behind it - it's our biggest campaign since we supported getting a Crossrail Station at Woolwich."

"We did a poll of our members and 90 per cent

agreed they wanted the new crossings. It will help link us up, because when the tunnel jams it brings everything to a standstill and makes south-east London seem like a foreign country. There's no point just having a new ferry, as has been suggested. We need as many river crossings as we can get. It's important for regeneration for both sides of the river."

One sector that suffers particularly badly from cross-river transport problems is the taxi and minicab trade. Steve McNamara, general secretary of the London Taxi Drivers Association, told GT: "We are behind anything that supports more crossings over the river. All the planned growth for London is in south-east London - but you can't cross the river there. It's farcical."

"With all the development going on, there's an enormous amount of taxi work being generated. Not having enough river crossings makes it worse for us, so we're completely behind the campaign."

And Richard Tranter, owner of Abbey Cars in Plumstead High Street, said:

"We'd love to have the new crossings, big time. When we tell customers it's just two miles over river as the crow flies, but will take us an hour, they can't believe it. We really feel cut off here, and when the Blackwall Tunnel gets blocked, it's chaos. All my 12 drivers are really behind the campaign as well."

Meanwhile, special 'Bridge the Gap' postcards were signed at Woolwich's Winter Warmer event in General Gordon Square last Saturday.

● To register their support for the new tunnel and bridge go to [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bridgethegap](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bridgethegap)



IN SUPPORT: above, friends Sue Brewer and Sandra Frost make a pledge to support the campaign at Saturday's Winter Warmer event in Woolwich. Left, a traffic snarl-up on the Blackwall Tunnel approach

### Council tax consultation

THE royal borough is consulting on council tax support proposals. The government has announced the abolition of the national council tax benefit scheme from April next year. Councils are required to set up their own local schemes but will receive 10 per cent less funding. Pensioners will be protected from any changes. Consultation on a new scheme runs until January 21, 2013.

● Give your views online at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/haveyoursay) email: [Lcts-consultation@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:Lcts-consultation@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) Write to: Revenues and Benefits Services, Local Council Tax Consultation, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 6HQ or call 020 8921 2078.

### Holiday bin collections

RUBBISH collection days are changing during the Christmas and New year period. There is a collection as normal on Christmas Eve, December 24, but from Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25, until Friday December 28, collection will be TWO DAYS AFTER the normal collection day. There is a normal collection on New Year's Eve, December 31, but from Tuesday, January 1, until Friday, January 4, collection will be ONE DAY AFTER the normal collection day. Normal service resumes on Monday January 7.

Real Christmas trees will be recycled as part of the weekly refuse collection. Please remove pots and decorations. Residents in flats should leave trees by the bin store.

● More info at: [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaybinscollections](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaybinscollections)

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# Wind of change at Willow Dene

## Special school's multi-million pound rebuild

**WORK is due to start on a £12 million rebuild for Plumstead's Willow Dene special school in February.**

Most of the current 1950s buildings will be bulldozed and replaced by brand new classrooms, offices and halls. There will also be a warm water pool.

The council is in the process of appointing a contractor for the project, which confirms the royal borough's commitment to investing in learning for disabled children.

Around 170 children aged two to 11 go to the day school in Swingate Lane. They have a wide range of learning disabilities including complex physical and medical disabilities while others are autistic or have Down's Syndrome.

The school currently has permanent and temporary buildings, linked by walkways. All but one will be demolished, and the remaining one will be completely refurbished. The new school will be housed in just one building.

Construction takes place in four phases so the school can continue to stay

open, with the children moving into different areas as building work progresses. It will be built to high environmental standards, with renewable energy sources using roof panels to heat water and provide electricity. The target completion date is October 2014.

Headteacher Michelle Bernard told GT: "The whole school community is delighted by the confirmation of start and completion dates for the rebuild of Willow Dene. Following the recent publication of a very successful Ofsted

report it is timely that we will at last achieve the school building we have wanted for so long that will further enhance the amazing provision that is already on offer at Willow Dene."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services,

said: "Our exciting plans for Willow Dene are well on target. The new school will meet a very real need, and provide a supportive learning environment for children who deserve every opportunity to help them develop and progress."



**EXCITING FUTURE:** An artist's impression of the new school

## COUNCIL REVIEWS MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS

**THE royal borough's cabinet will be considering an independent report on the way it manages its capital projects when it meets on Thursday (December 13).**

It is then expected to draw up an action plan to implement the report's recommendations.

An independent expert was brought in to look at the way large-scale capital projects are managed. It follows problems with the Greenwich and Woolwich foot tunnels refurbishment project, which has been hit by delays.

It is expected that the review, by John Willmoth, from Hill International, will

*by Dick Townsend-Smith*

find that Greenwich has generally managed its capital projects successfully, with most of them completed on time and on budget.

The royal borough manages many large capital projects, and the report was commissioned to provide reassurance on how major developments such as Woolwich and Eltham Centres and new and redeveloped schools are managed.

It is proposed that the independent inspector's recommendations are accepted, and plans drawn up to implement his suggested improvements. Key recommendations include the way

Greenwich manages both its procurement arrangements with contractors and the projects themselves. Mr Wilmoth says his recommendations are aimed at moving Greenwich from "good practice to best practice in the context of the current trends and pressures in the industry, and in order to reduce risk."

It is also being proposed that the inspector should investigate the tunnels project, taking account of the views from specialist construction lawyers who were brought in to advise the council.

The full report will be presented to cabinet at Thursday's meeting at 7pm at Woolwich Town Hall. The meeting is also open to members of the public.

## Homes show for over 55s

A **SHOWCASE** of new homes for older people takes place on Thursday.

The new purpose-built homes have the latest energy efficient technologies and could save money their occupants.

The homes are being offered to people over 55 and are also easily adaptable so they can accommodate residents with varying levels of mobility.

The homes are being promoted by the royal borough as part of its provision of housing for older residents. Properties will be available for rent or shared ownership in Eltham, Kidbrooke and Woolwich.

There will also be details of other housing options for over 55s and royal borough officers and housing association reps will be answering questions.

The free drop in event is on Thursday (December 13) from 10am to 12pm at the Public Hall, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18, 6PW.



# LIBRARIES FULLY BOOKED

**LIBRARIES** in the borough are creating some seasonal cheer with a range of activities and workshops over the festive period.

● Blackheath library in Old Dover Road holds an evening reading group on Monday December 17 at 7pm to 8pm of Dickens's classic *A Christmas Carol*. On Wednesday December 18 there's a Christmas puppet show of Hansel and Gretel from 2pm to 3pm. Tel: 020 8858 1131.

● Coldharbour library in Eltham has a reading group of *The Bell* by Iris Murdoch on Monday December 17 at 2pm. On Friday December 14 a Christmas cheer coffee and tea session runs from 2pm to 4pm. A paper Christmas stocking workshop is held on Tuesday December 18 from 10.30am to 11.30am. On Thursday January 3 there's a winter wonderland crafts session from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Tel: 020 8857 7346.

● East Greenwich library on Woolwich Road has a Christmas book-reading session with a visit from Santa on Thursday December 13 from 10am to 10.30am. There's a Christmas stories session on Thursday December 20 from 2pm to 2.30pm. Tel: 020 8858 6656.

● Eltham library in Archery Road has a puppet show on Friday December 14 at 11am. A baby rhyme-time fancy dress session runs on Tuesday December 18 from 10am to 10.30am. This session also runs on Wednesday December 19 and Friday December 21 at the same time with an extra session on both days at 11am. Tel: 020 8921 3452.

● New Eltham library in Southwood Road has a Christmas cheer coffee and tea gathering at 2pm to 4pm. On Saturday December 15 a Christmas crafts fun workshop runs from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. On Monday December 17 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, visitors can go to a book reading afternoon and Christmas crafts activity. Winter wonderland crafts is held on Friday January 4 2013. Tel: 020 8850 2322.

● Plumstead library has a Christmas decoration workshop on Thursday December 13 from 10.30am to 11.30am. Families can make a Santa mask on Thursday December 20 from 10.30am to 11.30am. New Year firework crafts can be created at the library on Thursday December 27 from 10.30am to 11.30am.

● Woolwich Centre library has a Christmas cards workshop on Friday December 14 from 10.30am to 11am. A Christmas puppet show is on Thursday December 20 with two sessions, one at 11am to 12noon and 2pm to 3pm. On Friday December 21, families can make snowmen and snowflakes from 10.30am to 11am. Tel: 020 8921 5750.

● Call your local library for more details and for information about other festive events in the borough visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/festive](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/festive)



**NEW FOR OLD:** supporters and volunteers gathered for the relaunch of the newly revamped centre which will serve residents in both Lewisham and Greenwich boroughs

## New age for Exchange centre

### Theatre trust reopened after £870,000 facelift

**THE** newly revamped Age Exchange in Blackheath Village opened its doors to the public on Friday, November 23.

Following an £870,000 make-over with a "showbiz" theme, the UK's leading reminiscence arts charity is offering a range of community services all under the one roof of Age Exchange's new centre in its Victorian building, 'Number Eleven'.

Age Exchange's chair Ian Mills told GT: "Age Exchange Number Eleven is finally here! It's great to see that all the hard work by so many people has created this fantastic new centre for the people of Greenwich and Lewisham. Our aim is to make this a valued resource for the whole

community." The newly designed two-tier space, echoing the organisation's full name 'Age Exchange Theatre Trust', boasts a foyer, circle bar, pit, box office, green room, stalls and studio, giving visitors access to a quality cafe and lounge, serving breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.

The centre also houses a 10,000-book public adult and children's community library, training and computer suites and a bright and light studio space.

A redesigned patio garden, fully equipped as an al fresco cafe, has been provided at the back with plants, trees and a

water feature. Number Eleven is open to the public six days a week, from 8am-6pm weekdays and 10am-6pm on Saturdays. A team of 80 trained volunteers recruited from the local community will help run all areas of the centre along with the Age Exchange staff.

A full programme of reading group events and other training and community events is already in place for the whole of December.

All areas of Number Eleven are fully accessible to the disabled with lifts between floors and in the garden.

Age Exchange closed its Reminiscence Centre in December, 2011, for the building work to take place. An interim service of community library and cafe was carried out in Age Exchange's Bakehouse building at the rear of the centre in Bennett Park.

● **FIND out more at** [www.age-exchange.org.uk](http://www.age-exchange.org.uk) or call 020 8318 9105.

**CHAIN REACTION:** Age Exchange's chair Ian Mills with the mayors of Greenwich and Lewisham, David Grant and Steve Bullock



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**C**HRISTMAS is just around the corner and a 12-day extravaganza of events was launched in Woolwich town centre last weekend.

The Woolwich Winter Warmer rallied residents and visitors for an afternoon of outdoor entertainment from noon on Saturday. It helped to kick off the 12 Days of Christmas, a programme of festivities and special offers in the town centre which runs from today, December 11 to December 22.

The warmer began with the arrival of reindeer in General Gordon Square and festive shoppers also enjoyed an owl display, food stalls, fairground rides, special screenings on the big screen and a lantern parade by local school children. Local businesses including Nandos, Warren James and Linen's Direct started their special offers and discounts and a Christmas-themed market in the square got into full swing. During the 12 days, the decorated wooden cabins are selling winter foodie treats including roasted chestnuts, hog roast, crepes and donuts along with novelty gifts.

To get us in the Christmas spirit, there are daily performances by community choirs in the square starting today (Tuesday, December 11) from 3.30pm when pupils from Gordon primary school will sing in a choir performance. Further performances are as follows:

- Christ Church primary perform on Wednesday December 12 from 4pm, with Nightingale primary singing at 4.30pm.
- St Margaret Clitherow contribute to the festive celebrations on Thursday December 13 from 3.30pm, with the Charlton Singing Group performing at 5.30pm.
- The Royal Artillery Band presents a special yuletide performance from 2pm on Friday, December 14, with Nightingale primary singing at 3.30pm.
- On Saturday December 15, Annie Community Education Lewisham performs at 12pm, the Pentecostal Church sing at 1.30pm and Woolwich Singers at 2pm. The Rock Choir feature at 3pm.
- Woolwich Polytechnic belt out their hymns on Monday December 17 at 3pm, with Timbercroft primary at 3.30pm.
- Cardwell primary feature on Tuesday December 18 from 4.30pm.
- St Josephs primary sing on Wednesday December 19 at 3.30pm.
- Thursday December 20 Greenwich Carers sing at 3.30pm, with Plumstead Manor schoolchildren singing at 4.30pm.
- Friday December 21 includes a showing by Restoration Community Church at 3.30pm.

The 12 days event culminates in a grand finale fireworks display on Saturday December 22 at 5pm.

● **For more information on festive events visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/events](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/events)**

# Tinsel towns



## Extended opening hours in SE9

IF you're looking for a traditional high street shopping experience try SE9. Eltham's historic town has a range of independent shops and boutiques as well as high street names and many of the stores have extended opening hours in the run-up to Christmas. Details of all shops and services, including late night and special openings, can be found at [www.elthamse9.co.uk](http://www.elthamse9.co.uk). There are also lots of activities on offer to help you get into the festive spirit on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 11: pupils from local

primary and secondary schools showcase their talents in a carol singing 'carolthon' at Passy Place from 10am-2.30pm to fundraise for Demelza children's hospice.

- Sunday, December 16: Eltham farmers' market, Passy Place, 10am-2pm.
- Monday, December 17: Local actor Roger Gartland reads A Christmas Carol at St Mary's Community Centre. Entry at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Phone 0208 850 2040 for more info.
- December 9, 16 and 30, as well as January

6: Eltham Palace Festive Family Trails. Hunt for clues to solve a festive mystery and earn a prize. Call 020 8294 2548 or 0870 333 1181 for more information.

- Thursday, December 20: Eltham Palace Carol Concert. Tickets on 0870 333 1181.
- Saturday December 22: Ferrier Operatic Society and Eltham Choral Society sing carols at Passy Place 10am-12pm.
- December 29- January 26: The Bob Hope Theatre performs pantomime Dick Whittington. Details at [www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk)

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## Standard bearing gifts

**TRADERS at the Royal Standard in Blackheath have organised their own festive treats to encourage locals to shop locally.**

The newly formed Royal Standard Business and Traders Association is leading the festivities. A procession of donkeys dressed as reindeer lead the way with Santa and his elves and there'll be donkey rides at Bartley Park on December 15 from 12 to 4pm. On December 20, the West Kent Boys Brigade band play from 5.30pm and there's carol singing from the church choir on December 22. Shops and businesses giving special offers include:

● Elegance Dry Cleaners - 10% off winter clothing every Wednesday in December

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● Blackheath Pet Supplies - bird seed hampers, Cornish dog treats 25p off and taster samples for pets.

● Blackheath Eye care buy one pair of glasses and get 25% off second pair



**ANTLER ANTICS:** a family of reindeer welcomed customers to the new Tesco store in Woolwich at the start of their festive celebrations this month. They were joined by Father Christmas and one of his elves who gave youngsters a free festive gift an early Christmas present. Excited children got to pet and feed the reindeer and have their photo taken. The store in Old Stable Row has also sponsored a Christmas tree in General Gordon Square which is a focal point for events in the town centre's Woolwich Winter Warmer

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# Carers plan for the future

PARALYMPIAN Andy Barrow gave one of the keynote speeches at an event for families caring for children with special needs and disabilities.

The wheelchair rugby star was among more than 100 people at a free event at Charlton House last month.

The event 'Looking Ahead for Children with Special Needs' was organised by the royal borough for anyone caring for children with learning or physical disabilities. Attendees included the parents of disabled children, school governors, voluntary sector representatives, and service staff.

The day of information and

discussion was organised to explain a range of government changes to services and benefits available to young people with special educational needs. Topics covered over the course of the day included the changes to the benefits system that could impact upon the families of disabled children, the short break services available in Greenwich, and inclusion policies in schools.

Several guests were there to give speeches. Andy Barrow said: "The Paralympics is a platform that has changed attitudes to disability - sport is a great way of learning, a leveller and a force for inclusion."

Christine Lenehan, the director of the Council for Disabled Children, explained her role in working with the government to try to bring about improvements in national policy. She said: "There is no doubt that services that work in partnership with parents operate better," she told the audience.

Charlotte Morris-Gillespie, a 17-year-old student at Shooters Hill College, came to



**GREAT TURNOUT:** attendees share information and ideas at last month's event in Charlton House

the event to discuss her experiences of growing up with a disability and her ambitions for the future and told the audience. "I don't want to just be described as a girl in a wheelchair - I want to be known as Charlotte," she said.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services gave a speech at the event. She said: "This event was a great chance for parents, carers, and others to receive useful information and to discuss their priorities for services. The feedback received from attendees has been very positive so I look forward to similar events being held next year."

● **Families of disabled children can add their names to the Disabled Children and Young People's Register to find out more about the support available at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/disabilities](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/disabilities) or call 020 8921 6921.**



## GETTING THE CARE YOU NEED OVER THE HOLIDAYS

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## Loan shark warning for festive spenders

RESIDENTS are urged to avoid loan sharks to help fund the expense of Christmas. The festive season is a period when cash-strapped families are at most risk from loan sharks. The illegal lenders loan money without a licence and rarely provide paperwork. And if payments are missed they use threats and violence to get the money back.

The royal borough is promoting other safer sources of money for residents with financial worries.

These include the Greenwich Credit Union (GCU) a not-for-profit organisation. It has loaned over £18million to local people and currently looks after £3million of local people's savings. It offers an easy way to save money or borrow a small loan for anyone living or working in the borough. Residents can also take control of their finances early to prevent problems further down the line with the Greenwich Money Advice Service. It's part of the Greenwich Citizens Advice Bureau and gives help and advice on budgeting, negotiating with creditors, checking benefits options and court procedures.

Contact the service directly on 020 8921 6375 for an appointment.

● **Call Greenwich Credit Union on 020 8855 4344 or visit [www.greenwichcreditunion.co.uk](http://www.greenwichcreditunion.co.uk) For debt and welfare advice visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/welfarerights](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/welfarerights) or [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/debtadvice](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/debtadvice)**

## Insurance for council tenants

LESS than 40 per cent of council tenants have home insurance, according to a survey from the Association of British Insurers.

The findings showed that of those, just 12 per cent had taken up the special insurance rates that council tenants are eligible for. Concessions for social housing tenants include lower rates, a weekly payment plan, and a lower contents value than is offered through independent insurers.

Rates for royal borough tenants start from £1.13p per week for contents value of up to £9,000 to £4.38 to cover valuables up to £35,000.

For over 60s in sheltered accommodation, the premium is lower at 63p a week to cover £5,000 of contents.

Claimants get new-for-old on replacement goods, except for linen and clothing. AON and Aviva deal with the majority of the similar council schemes across the capital.

● **For more info about the scheme and to sign up, go to [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/councilhousing](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/councilhousing)**

## 132 bus remains at the double

THE popular route 132 bus will continue to be double-deck following the success of the change from single-deck during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The 132 was extended from Eltham to North Greenwich in 2009 and passenger numbers have since increased on all days, convincing Transport for London to stick to double-deck.

## Borough-wide foodbank against poverty

A BOROUGH-WIDE foodbank - only the second of its kind in London - has been launched in Greenwich with more than 100 local supporters. Greenwich Foodbank, supported by The Trussell Trust, was launched by Alan Robinson, who ran the Money Course for Christians Against Poverty at Eltham Green Community Church.

Food is already being distributed through three welcome centres in Thamesmead, Plumstead and Woolwich, and at least five other sites are being prepared. Borough Dean Paul Rogers, who is a foodbank trustee, told GT: "Alan avoids attention but has done tremendous work bringing so many people together to address this

important issue. We want to see work with different groups to help those in need.

"The principle behind a foodbank is simple. Social Services, GPs, headteachers and local church leaders issue a voucher to a person assessed to be in need and the voucher is redeemed for three days food at the local Foodbank. "All of the food is donated,

mostly from local churches but increasingly supermarkets and schools are becoming involved. The foodbank is a crisis measure, and a limited number of vouchers are issued to any individual in need."

● **For more info contact Alan Robinson 07771 830 549 or [alan@74epg.co.uk](mailto:alan@74epg.co.uk); Rev Paul Rogers 07751 757 161 or [revpaul@epbc.org.uk](mailto:revpaul@epbc.org.uk)**

# Hi-tech help for the victims of violence

Going online brings more advice and information

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A HI-TECH helping hand has been given to a refuge in Greenwich for Asian women victims of domestic violence.

They have been provided with a package of IT equipment, including two laptops, a scanner and printer. It means they will be better equipped to find out more about skills training, and find it easier to apply for jobs.

The royal borough-sponsored refuge is home for up to eight women and 13 children. It is managed by the ASRA Housing Group for the Greenwich Asian Women's Project.

Refuge area manager Rubia Bhola told GT: "We offer special services to help meet the needs of Asian women in situations of domestic violence.

"These can be around issues such as forced marriage or honour crimes. We try to

achieve positive outcomes for them, and help them find training and education.

"The new equipment will make information more accessible for the women here, and will have a huge impact on them. Most have very limited IT facilities in their own homes."

The refuge also takes in Asian women and their children from other parts of the county. Their stays can range from just one night - or up to a year.

The IT equipment was donated by vocational training provider JTI Workplace Solutions, following a request by Becky Wilson, the lone parent advisor at Woolwich Job Centre, to JTI's pre-employment manager Dave Hawkes.

● **For more information on local support services visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/domesticviolence](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/domesticviolence)**



ONLINE SUPPORT: Refuge manager Rubia Bhola is presented with the laptops by Dave Hawkes from JTI Workplace Solutions

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# St Mary Magdalene: bigger and better

It was less than two years ago that St Mary Magdalene CofE primary school moved into a brand new building on the original site of the old school in Kingsman Street, Woolwich – and already, inspectors from Ofsted have praised the school as ‘outstanding’ in every way.

The team of three spent two days with staff and pupils during October, and agreed it deserved top marks for the quality of teaching, the behaviour, safety and achievements of its pupils, as well as the school’s leadership and management. They sat in on 19 lessons, and took account of comments from parents and carers, as well as teachers and governors.

The school has 360 pupils aged three to 11, and the inspectors agreed their teachers had “consistently high expectations” from them. They added: “Their first-rate marking of pupils’ work and constructive guidance in lessons guide the next steps in their learning. Pupils’ behaviour is excellent and they feel very safe. They enjoy attending very much and many hardly miss a day.

“The school’s very caring atmosphere underpins pupils’ excellent spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.”

The inspectors added: “The school has been extremely successful in sustaining pupils’ high level of achievement during its rapid expansion. By the time they leave, pupils are very well prepared for their time in secondary school. The essential skills in English and mathematics are mastered to a high degree and they are confident in applying them in different subjects.”

Headteacher Claire Harrison said the Ofsted report was “the result of many, many years of hard work, dedication and skill by all members of the staff team.” She added: “It is truly the judgement that everyone deserves, not just the staff, but also the highly-effective governors, the enthusiastic pupils and the supportive parents.”

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough’s cabinet member for children’s services, said: “All at St Mary Magdalene deserve to be proud of their tremendous achievements. The school’s success in this inspection underlines the excellent standards that are being achieved by many schools across the borough.”

● **BROOKLANDS** primary school in Blackheath has been singled out by the country’s chief inspector of education as a fine example of one that has been turned around after once being put into ‘special measures’.

Sir Michael Wilshaw paid a personal visit to the school in Medebourne Close in the run-up to publishing his annual report. He said: “It was good to see first-hand how the school has been transformed under head teacher Nick Osborne’s impressive leadership and his dedicated teaching staff. The children were clearly engaged and enjoying their learning in a calm, supportive and friendly atmosphere.”

Brooklands is now classed as ‘outstanding’ in all its five inspection categories after being put into special measures just four years ago. Cllr Jackie Smith said: “We congratulate Nick and his colleagues for raising standards and ensuring that Brooklands children received the best possible support in their learning and in their personal development.”

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## Straight to the point about zig-zag lines

DRIVERS are being encouraged to play it safe on the roads by not parking illegally.

Pupils at Kidbrooke Park primary school in Hargood Road were challenged to design a poster deterring motorists from parking on the school’s yellow zigzag lines.

Greenwich Mayor David Grant attended a special assembly to pick the winner.

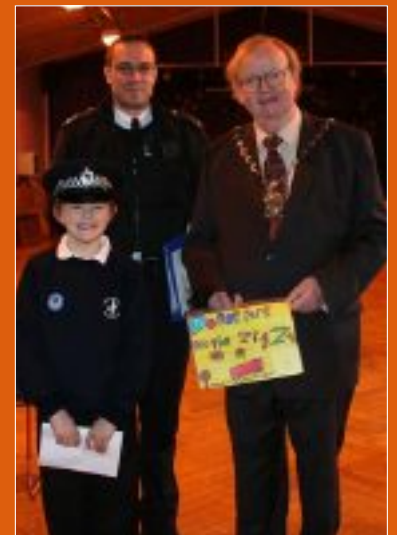
The winning poster goes on display as a banner outside the school to remind parents not to park illegally on the lines, and the winner is also being treated to VIP tickets to the Walking with Dinosaurs show at The O2.

Winning designer, nine-year-old Leo Richardson told GT: “The inspiration came from the zigzag lines outside our school and I used a lot of yellow which is a colour that people notice. My poster also has a set of eyes to make people look.

“I feel extremely happy and proud to win and really enjoyed my visit to the police station and am looking forward to watching the dinosaur show at The O2.”

He added: “It was really excited to see the Mayor too, he thought everyone’s posters were brilliant.”

PC Thomas Button who organised the competition said: “A complaint from a member of the public alerted us to the depth of parking problems at the school, causing safety concerns. As well as enforcing parking restrictions, we agreed to run a competition for the pupils to design a banner



**WELL DONE:** Greenwich Mayor David Grant and PC Button offer their congratulations to winning poster designer Leo

highlighting the issue of illegal parking, hoping that parents would pay attention to this matter in addition to highlighting the regulations.”





### HOME FROM HOME: Evina checks up on one of the cats

THE paw prints on the car bonnet told me I was at the right place. A ginger tom eyeballing me from the top window confirmed my suspicions. If this wasn't the Catcuddles sanctuary, it was home of someone who really liked cats.

Thirty-five strays and unwanted house cats are the residents of the Abbey Wood property - which is also the home of Evina Koroni, who founded the charity three years ago.

She told *GT*: "I know them all by name. They all have different personalities. At Catcuddles we are trying to promote responsible ownership of cats, and to give new homes to unwanted pets and strays."

The registered charity has 10 moggy hotel suites in the back garden, a maternity ward, and three indoor spaces. Over the summer, Evina took in 120 stray cats, and 150 house cats.

The sanctuary is closed over Christmas, from December 20 to January 2, to deter people from getting the pets as Christmas presents.

"People need to understand that cats and dogs are a 20-year commitment, and should not be bought as last-minute gifts," Evina said.

The sanctuary's eponymous mascot, Mr Cuddles is the biggest cat GT's ever seen. He's at least a

# Paws for thought.

Cats are for life, not just for Christmas, a pet sanctuary owner tells **ROD KITSON**



metre long and must weigh two stone. "He's a food thief," Evina joked. "He had a knock to his head when he was younger. He's not the brightest spark, but he's very loving."

"We also have special-needs cats," she added. "Blind cats, deaf cats, and blind and deaf cats."

There are nine volunteers who work at the charity, which costs more than £1,000 a month to run.

"We'd love to have more volunteers to help," the cat lover said. "Blackheath Vets, and Animal Clinic Blackheath have been marvellous. They let us run up a huge bill and they help us neuter

the cats." Evina also takes in cats from owners who can no longer care for them.

"We want to raise awareness about adoption," she

said. "There are cats here that need homes, but the most important thing we stress is preventing more unwanted cats being born."

• For more info about the sanctuary, visit [www.catcuddles.org.uk](http://www.catcuddles.org.uk)

**BEAT the bully and fight back in thought, word and deed.**

That was the message to pupils for Anti Bullying Week which ran from November 19 to 23.

The theme for the national event was 'We're better without bullying', and pupils of all ages took part in events to highlight the prevalence of bullying and promote non violent ways of dealing with the bullies.

It was the eighth annual event and the week started with a launch event at Charlton Athletic Football Club where secondary school pupils ran workshops for primary pupils.

Students from Plumstead Manor, Corelli College, Harris Academy Greenwich and St Paul's Academy used music, IT, drama and group discussion to look at different aspects of bullying including homophobic bullying and cyber bullying.

It was followed by workshops in schools throughout the week where young people discussed issues such as

# A strong message for school bullies



**FOR THE RECORD:** pupils at Invicta primary school take part in a Bullybeat music workshop

stereotyping, name calling and offensive statements which can lead to judgements and attitudes that damage relationships.

Workshop leaders used creative writing, drama,

art, music, sport and textile printing to explore the impact of bullying and to create positive responses to it.

Nathan Timothy is from the Songwriting Charity

which has run BullyBeat workshops at the event for seven years. He said: "Every year the children write incredible songs, all about friendship, looking out for one another, and

respect. It's powerful stuff and the anti-bullying message is always loud and clear."

St Paul's pupils Zac and Pulimi who are both in Year 9 were involved in drama presentations. "We put on our drama to promote the messages that bullying is not acceptable and that violence is not the way forward.

"We also wanted to make it clear that social networking is not safe," said Zac.

Pulimi added: "Anti Bullying Week is really good, it gives a message to both victims and bullies, and shows how we all can be affected."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet member for children's services, said: "The week of events builds on the wide range of projects going on in Royal Greenwich schools in line with the our anti bullying strategy."

"Together these initiatives raise awareness of the extent of bullying in all its forms while allowing young people time to work on developing their own coping strategies."

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4. The Order will come into force on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately two days to complete.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5503.

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OPENING SOON: an artist's impression of the new equestrian skills centre

## Course for careers with horses

**T**HE thrills, glamour and excitement of this summer's equestrian Olympic events in Greenwich Park have started many people wondering: 'Is working with horses something that I could do?'

From February a new equestrian and horticulture skills centre is opening on Shooters Hill Road offering a range of different courses to local people.

They will be available to people over 16 with some experience of working with horses and there will be advanced courses for people with more horse experience who want to get qualifications for a career in the industry including studying at degree level.

The courses cover horse care and handling, tack and equipment, working safely, and horse health.

The centre is the result of a partnership between Royal Greenwich and Hadlow College in Kent, with funding from Sport England and the British Equestrian Federation.

It's based in a refurbished Victorian house providing classrooms and

an administration block. There is also stabling for 20 horses, indoor and outdoor arenas, a horse therapy unit and a horse crossing to Oxleas Wood and its bridle paths.

The linked horticultural skills centre is due to open in the summer, allowing students to take advantage of the potential for jobs in horticulture, landscaping, parks management and maintenance in East London and Kent.

Training includes a range of transferable skills making students more suitable for a wider range of jobs and careers.

Horticultural vocational training will include apprenticeships for both 16-18 year olds and adults, pre-employment training, short taster courses, upskilling for people already working in horticulture, and self employment training for people who want to work for themselves.

● For more information call 020 8921 5234 or contact Hadlow College on 0500 551434 or email: [enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk)

A NEW centre where people can learn equestrian skills is set to open in February. It will be followed by the opening of a new horticultural training facility to be established in the borough

in the summer. Together will form the third centre set up by the Borough of Greenwich for local people to develop and get professional

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PROMISING FUTURE: Cllr Denise Hyland meets students from the De Vere Academy of Hospitality

## A stable future for trainee builders



ONSITE EXPERIENCE: The seven trainee builders at the construction site

SEVEN unemployed young men from the borough have been given six months' work experience in the building trade, and the chance of apprenticeships afterwards. They are working on the new equestrian skills centre next to Woodlands Farm on Shooters Hill. Builders Lakehouse were given the contract for the work after the royal borough gave it the go-ahead last year. The seven had their work placements arranged through Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLaB), the royal borough's local labour scheme. The placements give unemployed people the chance to get up-to-date work experience and references,

helping them to bridge the gap between long-term unemployment and full-time work. The placements usually last 26 weeks and are either paid or voluntary. If the seven young men complete their placements successfully, they will be offered apprenticeships with Lakehouse. Jack Oliver said: "The programme is great, it gives you a chance to get some real work experience and I'm really enjoying it." Fellow trainee James Lincoln added: "It's exciting to be involved in a project like this, and the promise of an apprenticeship is something worth working hard for. I'm so pleased to have this opportunity."

**N**O doubt about it, Royal Greenwich is a world-class attraction. It's been named as both a royal borough and a successful 2012 Olympics venue, putting the borough firmly on the map everywhere. Tourism generates around £7m for the local economy and supports 1,000 jobs. Current visitor numbers are at a record high, a year and the royal borough's campaign, which is promoting the borough worldwide, is set to help boost even more. The royal borough is leading a campaign to increase the number of hotel rooms from almost 500 to more than 3,000 by 2015 and it is backing training for thousands more professional jobs in the catering and hospitality industry. The council has established a Hospitality Skills Centre based at the Olympic Athletic's Valley Stadium. The De Vere Apprenticeship Academy offers pre-apprenticeship training leading to qu



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It opened in March 2011 as De Vere's first  
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Christina Wilde from Eltham's Coldharbour  
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apprentice and got a placement at Holborn

Bars where she got excellent feedback from  
managers and peers. On completion of her  
course, she got a job working for the academy.  
"I learnt a lot about the customer service  
industry, and the importance of customer  
service over all industries. I gained a lot of skills  
that will help me in my future career and in day  
to day life," she told GT.  
Cllr Denise Hyland, the royal borough's  
cabinet member for regeneration,  
enterprise and skills, said: "Catering  
and hospitality are key sectors here in  
Greenwich and these courses are among  
a number of our initiatives designed  
to equip local people with skills and  
training to help them into work."

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catering courses contact GLLaB on  
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PROFESSIONALS: left students on the customer service course  
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training session held at Charlton Athletic Football Club



PRIME POSITION:  
Ravensbourne is at the  
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THE Greenwich  
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has developed a  
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programme funds  
a range of basic-  
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to learn new digital  
skills.  
Available under the  
Greenwich Digital  
Skills banner,  
they include  
introductory  
courses in skills such as  
Adobe Photoshop, film-  
making, film-editing and  
computer-based 3D design.  
The courses are delivered  
by Ravensbourne university  
college, and can lead people  
into further qualifications  
and new jobs. They can also  
learn to build their own  
website with Wordpress.  
Age is no barrier to  
accessing digital skills,  
and there is a specific  
course organised for  
'silver surfers', which  
includes social media.  
Other courses in a range of  
digital media are delivered  
by Greenwich Community  
College at its Greenwich  
Park campus. Full details of all  
courses are published in the royal  
borough's Greenwich Learns



IN THE FRAME: trainees learn about new  
digital technologies at Ravensbourne

brochure. Details can  
also be obtained  
direct from the  
colleges themselves.  
Fifty-eight year-old  
Michael Shaw had  
been out of work  
for a year when  
GLLaB, the local  
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referred  
him to  
a short  
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held at

Ravensbourne. He said: "Before  
this I had really began to doubt  
and question my abilities like  
organisation skills, motivation  
and to be the dynamic person  
I once was. I have managed  
to gain all this back this year,  
starting from the film-making  
course. I have gained so much in  
confidence and positivity from  
my experience I am feeling very  
positive and excited about my  
future prospects."  
Cllr Denise Hyland, the royal  
borough's cabinet member for  
regeneration, economy and skills,  
said: "Digital technology is a key  
growth sector, and our aim is to  
create a thriving commercial hub  
on the Peninsula that provides  
earning opportunities and  
jobs particularly for Greenwich  
people, supports small  
businesses, and boosts the local  
economy."

● For enquiries on  
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WC Fields was quite adamant. "Never work with children or animals", "Uncontrolled, unpredictable and unstable," he might easily have added.

But the Blackheath Halls Christmas Concert is on at the Lee Road venue on December 14. It's an annual event with opera with jazz and... children. The show's director, Rose Ballantine, is unwavering. "It's the children that make it...they light up the evening," she said. "They hold their small candles up high."

It's an eclectic event with a broad range of music, with baroque and modern jazz the filling in a sandwich of carols with sacred Leigh O'Hara leads the Halls' volunteer in-house choir, the Blackheath Halls Chorus. Mezzo soprano is Wendy Dawn Thompson, who has performed at the Royal Opera House. Eleanor Janes sings soprano, (a break from her masters degree at Trinity Laban).

Topping the billing is 17th century composer Vivaldi's work Gloria.

After the break there are some traditional carols and then straight into songs from Trinity Laban's World Choir. The group meets in Greenwich at the Old Royal Naval College on Wednesdays at 7pm, and is open to new members.

Next up there's a slight change of tempo with the sounds of a jazz band, Meantime Jazz direct from the Halls. Jonny Dexter directs with classic jazz standards.

More traditional carols come from the Use Your Voice singers - a light repertoire - and

# The Halls are alive with festive cheer



TWINKLE TWINKLE: singers at Blackheath Goes Gospel at the Halls earlier in the year

then it's time for the children. The John Ball school choir lead with candles, carols, and what promises to be the magic of Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies are also provided.

Dick Morgan

The Christmas concert is on at Blackheath Halls, Lee Road, on Friday, December 14 at 7pm. Tickets £14/£12/£5 kids

Book on 020 8463 0100 or [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheathhalls](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheathhalls)

## BIG festive gig

CHARITY Blind Independence Greenwich is joining Demelza Hospice for an evening of carol singing this Thursday,

December 13 from 7.30pm.

The night is all set for Christmas songs, music and readings at the church hall

in the Forum, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.

Also on the bill is a raffle, home-made mince pies and tea.

All money raised will be divided between the two charities. More at [www.blindindependencegreenwich.org.uk](http://www.blindindependencegreenwich.org.uk)

## Eltham is well versed

COULD you be the next William Blake or Emily Bronte? If so, a community poetry competition could be right up your alley.

The Eltham in Verse contest is encouraging aspiring wordsmiths in the borough to celebrate Eltham through the art of poetry.

The comp is open until February 2013 and workshops will be held around Eltham to aid people with their creative writing skills. Poems can be written in a group or individually. Prizes and certificates are given for the different age groups, along with publication and display in local centres and websites.

Workshops are free of charge and are on Wednesday January 9 at 11am at St Mary's Centre in Eltham High Street and at 3.30pm on the same day at Eltham McDonalds.

On Saturday January 12, a children's workshop will run at the Eltham Centre at 3.30pm.

Download entry forms at [www.elthamse9.co.uk/poetrycompetition](http://www.elthamse9.co.uk/poetrycompetition). For more info email Gaynor Wingham on [gwingham@aol.com](mailto:gwingham@aol.com) or phone 07976 355 398

## GDA cabaret

THE Greenwich Dance Agency held its all-singing all-dancing Christmas cabaret on December 8. Watch this space for a full review in next week's Scene...



PROVING that success isn't behind them, the team at Greenwich Theatre has laid on another triumphant Christmas panto.

And if you need a second opinion on Robin Hood, you can choose any one of the 400 pupils (including those below) from three primary schools who beamed, chanted and hand-jived their way through a stomping performance from unearthly 10am last Thursday.

Eschewing, as usual, third-division celebs looking for a Christmas box - is Andrew Flintoff playing Buttons anywhere, does anyone know? - the Crooms Hill venue left it to evergreen Andrew Pollard to come up with a vibrant mix of music, dance, hisses and kisses to capture what can also be the most difficult of audiences. Kids can spot a phoney at 50 yards.

Mr Pollard, who is nothing like a dame in real life, has written the last seven pantos at Greenwich, starred in the last six and directed this one, including himself as Nurse Germoline ("Naughty Naughty Nurse").

All the expected wordplay is there - the Tuck Inn, Fish Friar, Chip Monk, etc - and the inevitable reliance on flatulence, but Mr Pollard directs the humour at the children, not to the nudge and wink brigade among adults. He also includes mini life lessons like finding good in the baddies.

In this case, of course, it was the sly sheriff, Anthony Spargo reprising his Rik Mayall lookalike version to great effect. His back-to-the-audience wiggle in one number was just wonderful, and the pet vulture on his shoulder threatened to steal the show.

Pollard's talent for finding dialogue on a par with Danny Kaye's "vessel with the pestle" is an example of the work that goes on behind a seemingly simple script. This time it was a "foot toot" signalling scene between Nurse

## WHAT

### ELTHAM PALACE

Carol Concert. Thurs Dec 20  
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### BLACKHEATH NEWBRIDGE WMC

Cajun Christmas Party. Sat Dec 22  
The Bearcats Cajun Band and a special guest play Louisiana sounds. 8pm. £15. 020 8850 2893

### ELTHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas Concert. Sat Dec 15  
Performances by Onyx Brass and Te Deum.  
7.30pm. Tkts £10/£8 concs. 020 8850 3532

### CHARLTON ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Christmas Dance. Mon Dec 17  
Irish Community Services holds its annual celebration at the Charlton ground. 1pm-5pm. £30/£25 members. 020 8854 4466

### MORDEN ARMS

Songwriter's Showcase. Thurs Dec 20  
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**ROBIN HOOD**  
on at Greenwich  
Theatre from until  
January 6. Book on  
020 8858 7755

**RICH PICKINGS:** Michael Harris in the lead role, and below, Anthony Spargo as the dastardly sheriff

**Greenwich Theatre's pantomime, *Robin Hood* is a real triumph, says PETER CORDWELL**

Germoline and Friar Tuck (Paul Critoph) that got out of hand. Again, children got the point and the joke.

Robin Hood (Michael Harris) and Maid Marian (Arabella Rodrigo) deserved their cheers, oohs and aahs while Alan McDale (Garry Ellis) played a fine Scottish substitute for Alan a Dale, leaving Little John open for Pollard's Little Joan. Squeaky clean Consuela (Caroline Koutsoudes) also found love at the finish.

Our side of the auditorium easily won the singing competition at the end of the show (oh, yes we did!) and *Scene* caught up later in the day with two of three pupils from Meridian primary school,



Greenwich, who had been hand-jiving with the best of them.

"The characters were funny, and serious when they needed to be," said nine-year-old Poppy Trevithick. "My favourite characters were Alan, a funny Scottish sidekick, and Naughty Naughty Nurse." Saskia Filbee, eight, added: "The set was brilliant! It was bright and colourful and turned round like a merry-go-round."

So, there it is, hiss it but don't miss it.

*Robin Hood is on at Greenwich Theatre, until Sunday, Jan 6. Tickets: 020 8858 7755 or go to [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)*

# Hiss it.. don't miss it



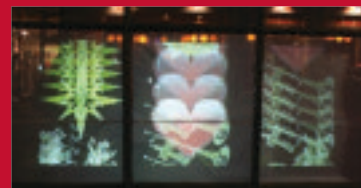
## Open up!

IT'S opening night every evening until Christmas as St Alfege's church unveils its annual advent windows.

It's the sixth year the Greenwich church has laid down the challenge to local homes, businesses and schools to decorate a full-size window in the run-up to the big day.

Organiser Jenny Bracey told *Scene*: "Every year more and more people want to get involved. It's become part of people's lives at this time of year, and now they expect to be able to walk the route and see each one."

There is a map online which shows the locations of all the windows. This year's theme is 'Realms of glory'.



Jenny added: "It has been interpreted differently by everyone involved, though most of them have included angels in their designs. It's exciting for us too, as even we don't get to see them until the day they are revealed."

The Green Parrot Gallery on Lassell Street opened up this year's festivities on December 1, with a creation entitled, 'Heavenly Angels, Rats and Parrots Singing'.

The next day, artist Ben Oakley interpreted the brief in fittingly creative style, adorning the window of his gallery on Turnpin Lane with subtle imprints and a yuletide tree behind it, (pictured top).

And on December 3, Jonathan Bishop's offering of a hi-tech video projection was unveiled, (pictured above). Some onlookers likened the innovative design to a festive fruit machine.

Schools that have taken part include James Wolfe, St Alfege and Meridian primaries.

The website also features a blog with pictures of each day's entry. **RK**

For blog, info and to download map of locations go to [www.adventwindows.com](http://www.adventwindows.com)

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#### GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

**Story of London: Woolwich. Until Feb 2013**

Exhibition looking at the history of Woolwich and its buildings. **Tues-Sat 9am-5pm. FREE. 020 8854 2452**

#### CUTTY SARK

**Snug Sea Creatures. Thurs Dec 27**

Families can create sock puppets to tell nautical tales.

**11am/2pm. FREE with entry. 020 8312 6608**

#### WOOLWICH GRAND THEATRE

**Cabaret Quiz. Wed Dec 19**

Visitors can test their knowledge on the world of cabaret. **7pm. £6 per table. 020 8316 7660**

#### PELTON ARMS

**Live Music: Buster, Shuffle and Chas Hodges. Sun Dec 23.**

Festive performances from some of the music industry's veteran acts, including Cockney icon Chas Hodges. **7pm. £15. 020 8858 0572**



#### BLACKHEATH HALLS The Icarus Club

**Fri Dec 21**

THE Icarus Club has been championing local musicians and bands since 2006, and holds its Christmas concert on December 21 at Blackheath Halls. The group hosts performers of folk, blues, pop and rock.

The musicians play around the borough through the year. They are regulars at the Pelton Arms pub in Greenwich.

Some of the acts to play at Blackheath Halls later this month include Futsu, Sean Bennett, Bruise - also Pelton Arms favourites, London R'n'B singer Dily Uwagboe, Rose and Ady Johnson (pictured).

Ady used to be part of Fuzzface, a rock 'n' roll band from Colchester. Now a solo artist, he is promoting his debut album Tell the Worries Dolls. He's supported various bands in showbusiness from Chris Helm to X Factor winner Matt Cardle.

**The Icarus Club plays  
Blackheath Halls on Friday  
December 21 at 8pm. Tickets  
£7, 020 8305 9300, [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk)**

## Got X Factor?

THERE'S the chance to play alongside ex-X Factor man Olly Murs at a competition which runs next year.

Perform 2013 is on the lookout for budding musicians, bands and solo artists from ages 10 to 19 - up to 26 for those with special needs.

The winner gets to perform on the same bill as Olly at his Indigo2 concert on February 11.

Winners are judged by DJ Dave Berry and a youth service ambassador.

To enter the competition go to [www.young-greenwich.org.uk/perform2013](http://www.young-greenwich.org.uk/perform2013)



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# Men are living longer

MEN in Royal Greenwich are living longer, and the life expectancy gap between men and women is closing. Latest figures show that death rates among men have been falling in Greenwich slightly faster than in the country as a whole. Life expectancy for men in the borough is now an average of 76.7 years, up from 75.8 years a couple of years ago. This compares with life expectancy for men nationally of 78.3 years so there's still work to be done. Coronary heart disease and cancers remain the biggest killers among men in the borough. The challenge is still to encourage men to think about looking after their health, make it easier for them to take up prevention services and to check any health concerns at an early stage. Greenwich Men's Health Forum is a partnership of local organisations which has led a major effort over the

past two years to improve men's health in the borough. Initiatives have included:

- Rolling out NHS Health Checks for 40 – 74 years old: Greenwich is the highest achieving borough for Health Checks in London with around 25,000 people receiving the check so far through GP practices as well as outreach teams targeting workplaces and football grounds.
- Improving the management of conditions such as diabetes in GP services.
- Using National Men's Health Week each year to organise a wide programme of activities and publicity about improving men's health.
- Offering healthy lifestyle checks in local pubs and a men's health comedy night at the Earl of Chatham pub in Woolwich during Alcohol Awareness Week in November.
- Working with Charlton

Athletic Community Trust to use the power of football to encourage men to think about their health and to make changes such as stopping smoking, getting more active, eating healthily and drinking less. Last month Charlton Athletic Community Trust and NHS Greenwich linked up with the Blue Ribbon Foundation, a new national charity working to improve men's health across the country, to launch the new Blue Ribbon consulting rooms at The Valley. The rooms will host a variety of health checks for men attending home matches throughout the season. Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for health, adults and older people, said: "It's good news that men's health in the borough is improving and health schemes like the one at The Valley are great for raising awareness on vital health issues for men."



**BLUE RIBBON DAY:** Cllr Fahy (centre) helps to launch the men's health promotion at The Valley with Jonathan Prince and Jason Morgan. Below, an outreach health check makes it easier for men to focus on health issues



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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –**  
**SECTION 14(1)**  
**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –**  
**VICTORIA WAY**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate carriageway reconstruction works in **Victoria Way**. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in **Victoria Way**, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Woolwich Road and a point 30 metres south-east of that kerb-line.
2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the closure specified in paragraph 1 is in operation, the alternative route would be via Fairmore Road and Trougham Road and would be indicated by local signage.
4. The Order would come into force on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately 3 months to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 2384.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
35 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
(SUPERVISOR REF: 1000000938)

**ROYAL Borough of GREENWICH**

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 90**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –**  
**SECTION 23**  
**WOOLWICH ROAD AND VICTORIA WAY**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes, under sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980, to construct a type of flat-top road hump known as "speed table" or "entry treatment" in **Victoria Way** extending from the south-eastern kerb-line of Woolwich Road north-eastwards for a distance of 10 metres.
- The speed table would be an elevated section of carriageway with a flat top, between 75 and 100 millimetres higher at its highest point than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway and including graduated entry and exit ramps.
2. The proposed speed table is necessary to reduce the speed of vehicles at the junction of **Victoria Way** with **Woolwich Road**.
3. FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to relocate the existing zebra crossing in **Woolwich Road**, so that the centre of the crossing is situated 8.3 metres east of the north-eastern kerb-line of **Victoria Way**. Associated zig-zag markings, on which vehicles would be prohibited from stopping at all times, would be placed on the carriageway either side of the crossing (extending up to 35 metres south-westwards and 17 metres north-eastwards).
4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 2384.
5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposals should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Royal Borough of Greenwich, PO Box 485, Bear House, 153-160 City Road, London, EC1Y 2NR (quoting reference PCL/110/08/1000000938), to arrive by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
6. Persons objecting to the proposals should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice, open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
35 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
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**ROYAL Borough of GREENWICH**

**Royal Borough of Greenwich**  
**Notice Of Minor Material Amendment Application.**  
**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**  
**Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010**  
**Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011**

Proposed Development At: **LOVELLES, GRANITE, BADCOCK'S AND PIPER WHARVES, PELTON ROAD, BANNING STREET/CHRISTCHURCH WAY, GREENWICH, SE10**  
Reference Number: **12/2943/MA**

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to the Royal Borough of Greenwich by: **Greenwich Wharf Ltd** for Minor Material Amendment in respect of Application for a minor material amendment under 573 to vary condition 47 (Approved Plans) under planning permission Ref: **11/2959/W** to alter the external appearance of **Block 8** from cladding to a brick clad finish. Drawing Number: **11062 88 E AL C645 001**, Proposed Block 8 Amendments and Letter dated 28.11.12.

A copy of the application and any plans and/or documents submitted with it is available for inspection by the public at **www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning** or at:

**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich SE18 6QT**  
between the hours of 9.00 to 17.30 Monday to Friday and 9.00 to 17.00 Saturdays and East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, SE18 6UL between normal opening times.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Council about the application should do so in writing by **01/01/2013** to Planning Department, 5th floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ stating the full reference number(s) above.

Date: **11-Dec-2012**  
Mike Hays - Assistant Director

**ROYAL Borough of GREENWICH**

**MARRIAGE ACT & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS APPROVAL**  
**MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (APPROVED PREMISES)**  
**REGULATIONS 2005**

Notice is given that **GREENWICH YACHT CLUB** has applied to the Royal Borough of Greenwich for approval for use as a venue for civil marriages and civil partnerships for the premises: **PEAR TREE WHARF, PEAR TREE WAY, GREENWICH, LONDON SE10 0BW**

Anyone wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing **WITHIN 21 DAYS** of the date of this advertisement, specifying the grounds of opposition to: The Licensing Section, Community Safety & Environment, 4th Floor, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 6HQ.

Copies of the application and plan of the premises may be inspected, by appointment, at the offices of The Licensing Section, between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.30pm on Fridays. The Licensing Team can be contacted on:  
Telephone: 020 8921 8018 / Email: [licensing@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@greenwich.gov.uk)



# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 317

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

1

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

2

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4

### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

The next edition of **GreenwichHomes** will be available on **Wednesday 19 December 2012 at midday** and will include any *Housing Association* properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 16 December 2012**.

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes  
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone  
Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au  
choix ») Ligne téléphonique de  
demande disponible en français  
en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

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Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
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Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich  
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doorashao) Khadka Ku-tarlanka  
waxaa laga helaa:  
Somali 020 8921 4345

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Turkish 020 8921 4347

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話競投專線:  
Cantonese 020 8921 4370

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**Only  
priority  
applicants  
can apply  
for Bands  
A&B**



Ref Number: 171753  
**Antelope Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Comm G/H L/acc shower  
**£109.00pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 171794  
**Warner Hse  
Russet Way SE13**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Storage Htr  
**£87.35pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 171890  
**Antelope Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Comm G/H  
No Pkg L/acc shower  
Pref to Medical  
**£109.00pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172182  
**Watling Hse  
Woolwich Comm SE18**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Comm G/H  
**£93.36pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172323  
**Orissa Rd SE18**  
3 Bed Hse  
Rad C/H  
**£110.98pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172412  
**Queenscroft Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£97.03pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172419  
**Lenthorp Rd SE10**  
2 Bed Hse  
Rad C/H  
**£115.08pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172452  
**Middle Park Av SE9**  
3 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£104.12pw** bands A&B



Ref Number: 172457  
**Villas Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
**£85.36pw** bands A&B



Ref Number: 172459  
**Harvey Gdns SE7**  
3 Bed Hse  
Rad C/H  
**£116.19pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172460  
**Gilbourne Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No Pkg  
**£96.26pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172500  
**Silver Birch Cl SE28**  
4 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H 1 pkg space  
Town hse w/c downstairs  
**£128.15pw** Bands A&B

## Small is beautiful the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller.

The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the Project Team on

**020 8921 2671**

## Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.



**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

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**Anyone on the housing list can apply for these**



Hexagon Housing

Ref Number: 94731  
**Gallions View Rd SE28**  
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
1 alloc pkg No pets  
**£95.45pw** Band C



Ref Number: 172454  
**Middle Pk Av SE9**  
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
**£82.25pw** Band C



Ref Number: 172492  
**Villas Road SE18**  
1 Bed 10th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H  
**£76.59pw** Band C

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties

## Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

## Please Note

**Edition 319 on 26.12 2012 will be a Web only Edition**

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textphone: 020 8921 2996/2657

## Affordable Homes

Please note any Housing Association properties advertised in this way will have a higher rent charge



Asra Greater London HA

Ref Number: 126782  
**Canada Ct Brookhill Rd SE18**  
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Entry phn No pets  
Rad C/H 1 alloc pkg  
**£184.11pw** Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 172458  
**Keightley Dr SE9**  
2 Bed 1st Flr Mais Gdn  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
No pets  
**£137.15pw** Bands A&B

## Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

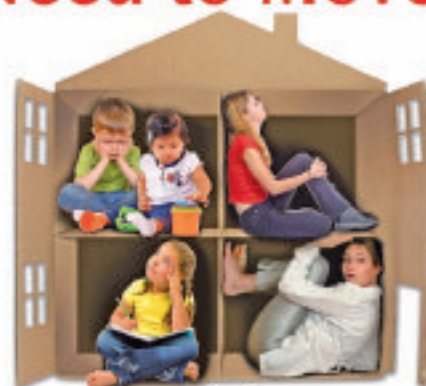
In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at [www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)

## Need to Move?



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**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

## New Housing for people aged 55 and over in the Royal Borough of Greenwich

The Royal Borough of Greenwich is working with its housing partners to develop a wide range of housing options for people living in Royal Greenwich and who are aged 55 and over. The latest new developments will be available for rent and shared ownership in Eltham, Kidbrooke and Woolwich, including the Royal Arsenal. The first of these will be available from March 2013.

Priority for the rented homes will be given to Royal Borough or housing association tenants who are living in family sized housing and want to downsize into smaller, purpose built, accommodation, or are being rehoused as part of the regeneration proposals for the Woolwich Estates and at Kidbrooke, or sheltered schemes being decommissioned.

The shared ownership homes being developed in Kidbrooke and Woolwich will include a range of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments for shared ownership, for which Royal Borough tenants and residents will be given priority.

If you are interested in finding out more about these exciting opportunities please come along to our drop in on-

**Thursday December 13 between 10.00am and 12.00 noon**

**At The Public Hall, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18, 6PW**

Royal Borough officers and partner Housing Associations will be available to assist you with any questions.

If you would like further information about the event please contact Gill Ackrill on:

**020 8921 6085**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 314

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Alabama Street SE18 2SH	3	HOUSE	139	14/04/2006	B
Tawney Road SE28 8EE	3	MAISONETTE	262	16/03/2009	C
Polthorne Grove SE18 7DU	0	FLAT	286	21/01/2010	C
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX	3	FLAT	327	24/12/2008	C
Paston Crescent SE12 9EF	3	HOUSE	144	16/07/2001	A
Eglinton Hill SE18 3PG	1	FLAT	57	06/04/1999	A
Turton House Barnfield Road SE18 3UG	1	FLAT	480	14/10/2009	C
Priory House Springfield Grove SE7 7TH	3	FLAT	319	30/01/2007	C
St Mary Street SE18 5AN	1	FLAT	52	26/08/2011	B
Coltman House Welland Street SE10 9DW	1	FLAT	58	01/11/2010	B
Thornham Street SE10 9SA	2	FLAT	416	26/08/2009	C
Hastings House Mulgrave Road SE18 5RN	2	FLAT	311	18/12/2007	C
Coleraine Road SE3 7NU	1	FLAT	75	09/11/2006	B
Villas Road SE18 7PR	1	FLAT	52	16/06/2010	B
Shaftesbury Court Byron Close Thamesmead SE28 8AD	2	MAISONETTE	33	18/05/2010	C
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18 5QP	1	FLAT	456	14/09/2009	C
Alnwick Road SE12 9BS	3	HOUSE	149	06/09/2011	B
Dawson Close SE18 7LW	1	FLAT	502	27/04/2009	C
Lydden Court Restons Crescent SE9 2LE	2	FLAT	53	14/06/2012	B
Paston Crescent SE12 9DY	2	FLAT	88	09/11/2010	B
Bramhope Lane SE7 7HP	3	HOUSE	182	26/05/2011	B
Pitmaston House Lewisham Road SE13 7NG	1	FLAT	432	06/03/2008	C
Gavestone Road SE12 9BL	2	FLAT	48	29/05/2012	B
Wootton House Alderwood Road SE9 2LA	1	FLAT	269	06/07/2011	B
Campfield Road SE9 5JD	2	FLAT	99	04/04/1978	A
Maryon Grove SE7 8BY	1	FLAT	563	11/08/2009	C

## For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team  
on: 020 8921 2941

Email: [housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk)

## GreenwichHomes adverts

*Greenwich Time* is now being published  
50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents.  
GreenwichHome adverts are included in  
every issue.



**Royal Borough of Greenwich**  
**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)**  
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010**  
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED)**  
**Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)**  
**Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT**

or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 11/12/2012

Mike Howe - Chief Planning Officer

**Publicity For Planning Applications**

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr S Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple <b>GURDWARA SAHIB TEMPLE, 1 CALDERWOOD STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6QW</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of an air-conditioning unit. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> N/G/001/Rev. 04, DPP/SD/11/13/01A, Photo's 01 &amp; 02, Design and Access Statement, Site Location Plan &amp; Allocated Photo no. 03. <b>Library:</b> Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT</p>	12/1714/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Alan Seward-Wright <b>27 WHINYATES ROAD, ELTHAM, SE9 6NW</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of replacement windows and front door. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Page 1 of 5, 2 of 5, 3 of 5, 4 of 5, 5 of 5, Door Details, Design &amp; Access Statement, 2 Photographs and Site Location Plan. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, 7 Anchery Road SE9 8RL <b>Conservation Area:</b> PROGRESS ESTATE</p>	12/2261/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Nick Day Plumstead Common Environment Group (PCEG) <b>THE OLD SWING PARK, 53 VICARAGE PARK, SE18 7SU</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of a new timber access deck and soft landscaping. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Swing Park Special Garden Design, Site location plan, Design and Access Statement and Emails dated 6 November &amp; 21 November 2012. <b>Library:</b> Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL <b>Conservation Area:</b> adjacent to Plumstead Common</p>	12/2390/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs Parkier <b>116 KING GEORGE STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 8PX</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of a new mansard roof and 3 dormer windows. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 031/02, 03, 04, P1, P2, P3, P5, Design &amp; Access Statement and Site Location Plan. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NH <b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH</p>	12/2519/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Andrew Bunting <b>213 PLUM LANE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3HG</b> <b>Development:</b> Formation of a new driveway and extension of a new front wall. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Photo's 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06/001, 002, 003, 004, Design and Access Statement and Site Location Plan. <b>Library:</b> Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT <b>Conservation Area:</b> SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE</p>	12/2605/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr K Patel <b>LAND REAR OF 129 PLUMSTEAD COMMON ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 2UQ</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of a new 2-bed dwelling house with lower ground level. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> R00P/1443/23-X-2012, R00P/1436/23-11-2012 and Design and Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL <b>Conservation Area:</b> adjacent to Plumstead Common</p>	12/2665/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Royal Borough of Greenwich <b>BURNEY STREET WELFARE CENTRE, MARIBOR, BURNEY STREET, GREENWICH SE10</b> <b>Development:</b> Change of use from Medical Centre to Residential and internal alterations to form two 3-bed flats. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> NAG/2/1, 3, 4, Planning Statement and Site Plan. <b>Library:</b> West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NH <b>Conservation Area:</b> WEST GREENWICH</p>	12/2760/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Stokes <b>4 CHAUNDRIE CLOSE, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5QB</b> <b>Development:</b> Construction of a 2-storey rear extension. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 2012-P01-100 A, 101 A, 200 A, 201 A, Design &amp; Access Statement and Site Plan. <b>Library:</b> Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2BA <b>Conservation Area:</b> ELTHAM PALACE</p>	12/2777/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Liz Shackleton <b>UNIT, 1A COMMONWEALTH BUILDINGS, WOOLWICH CHURCH STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 5NS</b> <b>Development:</b> Re-opening of bricked up windows including the replacement of the middle roof section, and replacement of steel frame single glazed windows with double glazed windows and remodelling of internal space. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> JAM/008/E0010, JAM/008/E0011, JAM/008/E0012, JAM/008/E0013, JAM/008/E0014, JAM/008/P101, JAM/008/P102, JAM/008/P103, JAM/008/P104, JAM/008/P105, JAM/008/P106, JAM/008/P107, JAM/008/P108, JAM/008/P109 and Design and Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT <b>Conservation Area:</b> Grade 2</p>	12/2793/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Meridian Delta Ltd <b>LAND BETWEEN EAST PARKSIDE AND CHANDLERS AVENUE (PLOT M0114), GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10</b> <b>Development:</b> Residential development comprising of 201 residential units, private and communal amenity space, associated car parking and cycle parking, servicing and access, hard and soft landscaping and associated works. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 2497-JW-001 Rev P01, 2497-JW-002 Rev P01, 2497-JW-003 Rev P01, 2497-JW-005 Rev P01, 2497-JW-010 Rev P01, 2497-JW-011 Rev P01, 2497-JW-012 Rev P01, 2497-JW-013 Rev P01, 2497-JW-014 Rev P01, 2497-JW-015 Rev P01, 2497-JW-016 Rev P01, 2497-JW-017 Rev P01, 2497-JW-018 Rev P01, 2497-JW-019 Rev P01, 2497-JW-020 Rev P01, 2497-JW-021 Rev P01, 2497-JW-022 Rev P01, 2497-JW-023 Rev P01, 2497-JW-024 Rev P01, 2497-JW-025 Rev P01, 2497-JW-026 Rev P01, 2497-JW-027 Rev P01, 2497-JW-028 Rev P01, 2497-JW-029 Rev P01, 2497-JW-030 Rev P01, 2497-JW-031 Rev P01, 2497-JW-032 Rev P01, 2497-JW-033 Rev P01, 2497-JW-034 Rev P01, 2497-JW-035 Rev P01, 2497-JW-036 Rev P01, 2497-JW-037 Rev P01, 2497-JW-038 Rev P01, 2497-JW-039 Rev P01, 2497-JW-040 Rev P01, 2497-JW-041 Rev P01, 2497-JW-042 Rev P01, 2497-JW-043 Rev P01, 2497-JW-044 Rev P01, 2497-JW-045 Rev P01, 2497-JW-046 Rev P01, 2497-JW-047 Rev P01, 2497-JW-048 Rev P01, 2497-JW-049 Rev P01, 2497-JW-050 Rev P01, 2497-JW-051 Rev P01, 2497-JW-052 Rev P01, 2497-JW-053 Rev P01, 2497-JW-054 Rev P01, 2497-JW-055 Rev P01, 2497-JW-056 Rev P01, 2497-JW-057 Rev P01, 2010-010-001 Rev B, 2010-010-002 Rev B, 2010-010-003 Rev B, 2010-010-004 Rev B, Planning Statement, Energy Strategy, Sustainability Report, Transport Statement, Environmental Report, Environmental Report Appendices, Work Method Statement(Planning), Flood Risk Assessment, Statement of Community Engagement, CIL Forms, Design and Access Statement, Landscape Design Statement and Letter dated 16.11.12. <b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL</p>	12/2819/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Meridian Delta Ltd <b>LAND ADJACENT TO JOHN HARRISON WAY (PLOT M0117), GREENWICH PENINSULA, SE10</b> <b>Development:</b> Residential development comprising of 161 units, private and communal amenity space, associated car parking and cycle parking, servicing and access, hard and soft landscaping and associated works. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 2504-JW-001 Rev P01, 2504-JW-002 Rev P01, 2504-JW-003 Rev P01, 2504-JW-005 Rev P01, 2504-JW-010 Rev P01, 2504-JW-011 Rev P01, 2504-JW-012 Rev P01, 2504-JW-013 Rev P01, 2504-JW-014 Rev P01, 2504-JW-015 Rev P01, 2504-JW-016 Rev P01, 2504-JW-017 Rev P01, 2504-JW-018 Rev P01, 2504-JW-019 Rev P01, 2504-JW-020 Rev P01, 2504-JW-021 Rev P01, 2504-JW-022 Rev P01, 2504-JW-023 Rev P01, 2504-JW-024 Rev P01, 2504-JW-025 Rev P01, 2504-JW-026 Rev P01, 2504-JW-027 Rev P01, 2504-JW-028 Rev P01, 2504-JW-029 Rev P01, 2504-JW-030 Rev P01, 2504-JW-031 Rev P01, 2504-JW-032 Rev P01, 2504-JW-033 Rev P01, 2504-JW-034 Rev P01, 2504-JW-035 Rev P01, 2504-JW-036 Rev P01, 2504-JW-037 Rev P01, 2504-JW-038 Rev P01, 2504-JW-039 Rev P01, 2504-JW-040 Rev P01, 2504-JW-041 Rev P01, 2504-JW-042 Rev P01, 2504-JW-043 Rev P01, 2504-JW-044 Rev P01, 2504-JW-045 Rev P01, 2504-JW-046 Rev P01, 2504-JW-047 Rev P01, 2504-JW-048 Rev P01, 2504-JW-049 Rev P01, 2504-JW-050 Rev P01, 2504-JW-051 Rev P01, 2504-JW-052 Rev P01, 2504-JW-053 Rev P01, 2504-JW-054 Rev P01, 2504-JW-055 Rev P01, 2504-JW-056 Rev P01, 2504-JW-057 Rev P01, 2012-010-001 Rev B, 2012-010-002 Rev B, 2012-010-003 Rev B, 2012-010-004 Rev B, 01, Items, Statement of Community Engagement, Energy Strategy, Planning Statement, Sustainability Report, Transport Statement, Environmental Report, Environmental Report Appendices, Work Method Statement, Flood Risk Assessment, Landscape Design Statement, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 16.11.12. <b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL</p>	12/2840/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Rev. Peter Farley-Moore Incumbent <b>ST JOHNS CHURCH, STRATHEDEN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7TH</b> <b>Development:</b> Installation of a replacement non-illuminated free standing notice board. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Document A (Site Plan), B, C and D <b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BF <b>Conservation Area:</b> BLACKHEATH</p>	12/2928/A
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr Raymond Rudlach <b>PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8SX</b> <b>Development:</b> Replacement of existing roof tiles with new tiles. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> Photo of Sample Material, Site location plan, Design and Access Statement, Letter dated 26th November and Email dated 26 November 2012 <b>Library:</b> East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL <b>Conservation Area:</b> RECTORY FIELD</p>	12/2896/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr E Bowness <b>47 ULUNDI ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3 7UQ</b> <b>Development:</b> Loft conversion comprising installation of side and rear dormer windows and one front rooflight. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 2050/110, 011 Rev A, 012 Rev A, 013 Rev A, 014 Rev A, 015, 016 and Design &amp; Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BF <b>Conservation Area:</b> WESTCOMBE PARK</p>	12/2926/F
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Mr D Rendall <b>45 ULUNDI ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7UQ</b> <b>Development:</b> Loft conversion comprising installation of side and rear dormer windows and one front rooflight. <b>Drawing Numbers:</b> 2050/110, 111A, 112A, 113A, 114A, 115, 116 and Design &amp; Access Statement. <b>Library:</b> Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BF <b>Conservation Area:</b> WESTCOMBE PARK</p>	12/2929/F
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## Greenwich girls heading for the top in cricket

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She said: "It's great, playing with the likes of Charlotte Edwards, Lydia Greenway, Laura Marsh, and the England Girls broadens my experience still more. The quality of the cricket and the knowledge that they have it so good for my game."

Phoebe has trained alongside Gibbs at Greenwich Junior Cricket Academy (GJCA, formerly Colfeian Girls) and hopes to follow in her footsteps, but knows that there is a lot of hard work ahead if she is to make it.

She said: "It shows, if you're dedicated, you can go far in what you want to do. I've enjoyed playing for Kent a lot in the last year. My teammates were always really supportive and friendly, and told you when you were playing well, or when you needed to improve. I want to get more wickets this year that last, and become a better batter for Kent."

Bright things undoubtedly lay ahead for the girls, but both are keen to stay true to their roots and emphasised the part that their first club played in their careers.

"Playing for Colfeian Girls definitely helped," said Grace. "With their coaches being so experienced and willing to help, it definitely played a part."

"The girls in the group when I was there were so encouraging that it made it a great environment to learn. We helped each other out to become better cricketers."

Whatever the future holds, it is clear that Greenwich has built up a brilliant environment for young girl cricketers to flourish, with the borough and GJCA fast becoming big names on the county scene.

Only time and dedication stand between Grace and Phoebe and a successful future in the game.

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THE multi award-winning South London Special League has been awarded three years' funding - £142,774 - from the Big Lottery Fund.

Project leader Sharon Brokenshire, who received the cheque from Paralympic gold medallist Jonny Peacock at the Royal Festival Hall, told GT: "This award is a real life-saver. In

these difficult times, when funding is hard to attract even for the most effective projects, it was a huge relief to receive this funding, especially as it opens up match funding of £66,000 from the City Bridge Trust." The special league started as a competition to improve the lives of disabled people, both young and old, through regular competitive

football. Sharon said: "The funding has been achieved in partnership with Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT). Without their input it would have been impossible to do this. There's no doubt that the enormous success of the Paralympics in Greenwich has helped our cause too. "It is a very different world to when we received our

first funding from BIG over five years ago. The project has been a huge success with more than 5,000 disabled payers improving their quality of life.

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# Passing the Test!

## Two Greenwich girls heading for the top in cricket

*by Daniel Sales*

**YOUNG** cricket stars Grace Gibbs and Phoebe Franklin have said they felt “privileged” after training with England Cricket Development Squads last weekend.

Seventeen-year-old Grace, who lives in Lee, trained with the U19s, while Phoebe went to the National Cricket Performance Centre in Loughborough with the U15 squad.

Speaking of her selection into the highest level of junior cricket that the country has to offer, Grace said: “I was a bit shocked because at the trials I didn’t think I performed to the best of my ability. I didn’t think I’d made it, but when I found out I was in the squad, I was obviously overjoyed.”

Phoebe, 14, from Plumstead told GT: “I felt privileged to be able to show that I’m a strong player and it feels great to have been picked

alongside girls at such a high standard.”

The girls impressed the England coaches during their summer trials before they were put through their paces, at Loughborough, in a series of tests to determine their rank among their peers.

“The centre was really technological, with all of the different machines they have,” said Phoebe. “They measured the accuracy and speed of our bowling, then we practised batting, with videos teaching you how to recognise what balls were being bowled before the bowlers released the ball.”

“I came fifth from 32 girls, which was all right.”

Both girls started their careers at Greenwich’s Colfeian Girls’ Cricket Club and have already excelled at county level for Kent, with Grace graduating into the full women’s squad this year.

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